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Language, they say, is the vehicle of thought: an empty wagon makes a wonderful lot of noise.

Think of it—\$11,000 spent for liquor in this county during one month, and that not a good whiskey drinking month either!

Laurens county ranks fifth among the counties in the amount of whiskey sold by the dispensary in April. The order is: Charleston, Richland, Aiken, Orangeburg and Laurens. That's the honor roll.

South Carolina's little messenger-boy delegates have their instructions now: let them be good.

It seems a pity for men of the Thos. R. Waring type to be fettered with instructions. They must feel their smallness.

Seemingly, South Carolina has no men who possess the force and integrity of character worthy of trust.

But we cannot so believe; the State Convention was just wrought up into a Bryan fever—the cooling-off will come later.

The State Convention endorsed Bryan but repudiated Bryan's staunchest friend in South Carolina. While on the face of it, this appears strange—it is no riddle; the reason dates away back. Factionalism is not dead—more's the pity.

One wise act of the State Convention was its refusal to meddle with the Clemson trouble, although there were a number who strongly advocated so doing.

The new postoffice building for Laurens will be but another boost to the already powerful building boom in our city. In a few short years this place will be a great city.

Col. H. H. Watkins, one of the delegates at large to Denver, is a Laurens county man. No Laurens county man of such worth and ability needs instructions how to act and vote. It's a shame.

Preachers in politics! For the sake of pure decency and a high standard of morality let's have them. The introduction of a little religion in politics could certainly do no harm. Instead it should tend to elevate.

Now there are some good men who still believe in the dispensary; with these we disagree and hope before the election they will be convinced that the dispensary is not a good thing for Laurens county.

The revenues derived from the sale of whiskey is one of the arguments set forward for the retention of the dispensary. But from whom does this revenue come? From the class least able to pay it. As an economical proposition the dispensary is detrimental to the welfare of our people.

The way some people impute base motives to the actions of good and honorable men is deplorable, but significant.

While we have not the least objection to receiving our \$50,000 for a post office, and for which we thank Congressman Johnson, still it must be admitted that in these days the common conception of the duties and privileges of Southern congressmen is that they must be good money-getters. This state of public sentiment has two causes: first, in the congressmen and those who are seeking the office in that they lay special emphasis upon this feature of congressional duty; and second, in the people themselves who know very little of the great work of law making and care much less; they endorse the man who can get them the biggest slice of "Federal pork."

The recent State Democratic convention evidenced the existence still in our State of that spirit of factionalism which until eradicated will continue to work damage upon our body politic. The defeat of Editor William E. Gonzales was to all appearances a piece of spite work, actuated by motives of personal enmity. Such business as this is never practiced by statesmen and men who have the public weal at heart.

This applies not to the mere defeat of Mr. Gonzales, but to the motives impelling it.

The prohibitionists claim they were defrauded in the last election here; it is up to them to prevent fraudulent methods this time. There are men of brains in the anti-dispensary ranks; let them sleep with one eye open.

The old and original argument is that the dispensary is the best solution of the whiskey problem. "Am I my brother's keeper?" Yes! Then will we by law and statute place before a weak brother the instrument of his destruction?

People who contend that preachers have no business in politics evidently cannot see the ridiculousness of their contention. They say that the holy garments of the ministry should not be allowed to touch the filth of politics, little thinking that they argue the inefficiency and ineffectualness of the good over evil: an ethical proposition false on the face of it.

Politics will continue to be dirty until strong men of high moral character and power get to work and raise the standard.

If the prohibitionists expect to win in Laurens county this Fall they will have to work. Thorough organization is their only hope; as thorough as the whiskey element.

The News and Courier's sarcasm in the cry of "Bryan and Blease, the Busy, Busy B's," ill becomes the dignity which has thus far characterized that paper's policy in the fight against Bryan.

## DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The South Carolina Democratic convention has met and adjourned. Delegates were elected to the National convention at Denver and were instructed to cast their ballots for William Jennings Bryan as the Democratic nominee for president first, last and all the time. This, we firmly believed, would happen, judging from the representation sent up by the various counties. We expected the convention to go for Bryan and for the delegates to be so instructed. One feature, however, was unexpected, the fact that the opposition to Bryan had no voice whatever, even in the slightest degree.

The absorbing business of the convention was the election of delegates, and it was here the fight was made. Clever manipulation and ingenious tactics were successful in the election of some of the delegates. For instance, the election of Senator Frank B. Gary was effected through coupling his name with that of Senator B. R. Tillman and submitting them together to the convention. We do not say that Senator Gary could not have been elected without this, but we do say that he cannot be elected to any State office by the people; at least he has been defeated many times. But this is neither here nor there; it is all in the great game of politics.

The matter of most interest in the recent convention was the candidacy and defeat of Editor W. E. Gonzales of the Columbia State. In another paragraph we note one cause of his defeat, the old grudge, namely, the resentment toward him by the Tillmanites for his opposition in past years. But this, we believe, is only one of the reasons. During the prolonged newspaper fight between The State and The News and Courier over instructions Mr. Gonzales, in a way, appealed to Senator Tillman and his crowd. This fact undoubtedly turned away some of the erstwhile Gonzales and anti-Tillman men. Gonzales' own crowd forsook him after the appeal to the Tillman supporters.

Still another matter that had some weight is the claim by some that Mr. Gonzales is trying to run the State of South Carolina in so far as the management of its political affairs is concerned. As to the merits or demerits of this claim we have nothing to say; but we think it figured in the editor's defeat.

And there was one other matter worthy of note. The largest and strongest vote against Mr. Gonzales appeared to come from the territory where The News and Courier is especially strong. The significance of this, we believe, is based somewhat on Mr. Gonzales' appeal to the Tillman element. The News and Courier pursued a consistent policy throughout the fight and its friends repudiated the editor of The State although many of them were Bryanites. So while the convention was for Bryan it rejected Bryan's smart persistent advocate.

## Prohibition For Laurens.

Editor Boney, of the Laurens Advertiser, has taken a firm stand against the liquor traffic. We knew he would. We predict a victory for prohibition in that county at the next election upon the whiskey question.—Union Times.

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## AMONG THE EXCHANGES.

## Which Shape?

"A number of June bridegrooms are busy these days getting their affairs in shape for the wedding festivities," says a contemporary. Usually it is not the bridegrooms who are concerned about getting affairs in "shape."—The State.

## High, Swift Society.

Mrs. B. Mare and the Misses Roadster, of New York, the Messrs. Coal Black and Miss Fleet Runner, of Atlanta, Mr. H. Jumper and the Misses Jumper, Mr. and Mrs. Roan, of Asheville, are entertaining a large party at the park this afternoon.—Exchange.

## To Make a Merry Widow Hat.

Take one bicycle wheel. Superimpose on the hub one deep granite saucepan, first snapping off the handle with an axe.

Stitch on cover of wine-colored velvet from your season-before-last's coat suit.

Put on a three-inch binding around brim of canary colored taffeta silk from your great grandmother's party dress.

Rip nineteen yards of box ruching off your shirtwaist box and wind about the crown and add a feather duster or two.

A soup ladle and a joint fork will give a jaunty effect if used as hat pins.—Johnston News-Monitor.

## Am Fudge!

Laurens has just recently had an election to increase the salary of its mayor from \$250, which it has been paying up to this time, to \$600 per year. If the increase in salary is evidence of growth Laurens must be developing, but this suggests the thought that compared with Union, Laurens must be a very small place, for Union has been paying its mayor \$600 for six years.—Union Progress.

## Decidedly Erroneous.

A Baptist preacher in Laurens says he would discipline any member of his congregation who will vote for the dispensary. He did not make any threat to discipline any of his members for drinking whiskey. The fight seems to be against the dispensary and not against the use of liquor.—Abbeville Medium.

## The Laurens Advertiser.

The Laurens Advertiser, under the hand of the new editor, Mr. S. E. Boney, is ranking among the best county papers in the State. The mechanical work has been greatly improved recently also. Another thing: The Advertiser has worked off all the front page advertisements. That alone helps the appearance of the paper fifty per cent.—Union Times.

## Low Prices Will Follow.

A bumper crop of cotton this year is going to result in prices soaring downward next fall. It would be far better to devote plenty of attention to hog and hominy. With the crib and larder full it doesn't matter much what cotton is bringing, but when very nearly, if not all the food supplies for the farm have to be purchased in town, the price of cotton is a considerable item.—Chester Reporter.

## Living Out of Doors.

Bliss Carman, the poet, has for a theme in his new book of essays "The Use of Out of Doors." Many poets have sung of the beauties of nature in respect of form and color. They receive their inspiration for poetic thought by living with nature. Carman sees more than something to inspire art in the wind and the sun and the lashing rain, "the earth underfoot and the sense of the leaves and the stars overhead." It is there—out of doors—that "we know the keen and simple joys of being alive."

This writer is a good advance agent for the movement "back to the land." The cry of the city man has been that only in the crowd can they find civilization. Carman says that men are mastered and undone by the triumphs of so-called civilization and that its boasted luxuries are not luxuries, but burdens. Out of doors restores us to ourselves, and we are victims of fallacy when we expect to grow in spirit and in mind with nature shut out of the problem. And nature cannot be hurried. We must trust to its deep, slow processes and give its secret chemistry a chance to work air and sunlight and water into the structure of our minds as well as to weave them into the tissues of our bodies. Then only do we live as well as move and breathe out of doors.—Spartanburg Journal.

## Episcopal Women Will Vote.

The diocesan council, the representative body of the Episcopal church in this State, at its meeting in Charleston last week, took an important step. It adopted a resolution looking to giving the women members of the church the right to vote in parish elections. The resolution must be voted on at next year's session of the council, and if it is ratified then it will then be the law of the church.

It is said that there is no likelihood of a change of sentiment, and the women will be given the right to vote in all the church meetings. The women



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We are glad the women of the Episcopal church are to be given the privilege that is no more than their right. We hope the same right may soon be extended to the women of all other churches.—Anderson Daily Mail.



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in this immediate section; Many other purchasers throughout South Carolina could be mentioned, but a few home purchasers are mentioned, and it is hoped, they will not be offended by this presentation.

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And others, besides many scores of organ purchasers which will be mentioned at another time.

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April 22, 1908.

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